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Revelation of Activity at Cripple Creek and Other Colorado Districts.

UNTAH REGION A MINER'S PARADISE

On the Shoshone and Clark's Fork Rivers—Tenderfoot Listen to Dreams—Mantou's Million Dollar Sanitarium—General Western News.

A gentleman just in from the Cripple Creek district, who has large interests in the phenomenal gold camp, reports mining and prospecting are again active in every direction, says the Denver Times-Sun. New strikes are made so fast, he says, that but little attention is paid to them save by the parties interested, who simply double their endeavors to hit it. One day will see out a new phase on business matters in the camp. The men will pay up part of their debts and the merchants will again be able to order in supplies on a cash basis.

Cripple Creek activity will have a good effect upon the lead-silver and iron-silver mines of Lake county. These areas are used for fluxes in the treatment of dry ores of the Cripple Creek class. The falling off of supply from the other camp has cut off the demand on the other, but now that Cripple Creek has resumed shipments the smelters are again placing orders in Lake.

Surprising results were obtained from a five-ton test run of gold ore, shoveled from the dump of the Summit mine at Telluride and put through the Riley & Ballard mill. The hard amalgam weighed fifty ounces and the retort was worth \$400, which is a yield of \$80 per ton, the best that has been done in the country. The property is owned by Mr. O. P. Posey, who leased it to Smith & Kent the first of the year, but retained an interest in the same. It will be an extensive operation, and has opened up will permit, and ten stamps of the Gold King mill have been leased to treat the ore. The recommencement of work on the Summit, it is expected, will in a few years past, add another important and valuable gold producer to San Miguel's catalogue of gold mines.

In addition, five-foot Huntington will soon be in place in the Belmont mill, which increases the number to three Huntington mills which will enable the company to produce ore of one per day. A 100-ton lot of ore from the Galena streak of the Belmont mine will be treated this week at the San Bernardino mill. It having been found that the hauling during the winter shut down. The machinery of the old Jack Haverly Golden Group mill has been hauled down from Bear Creek to San Miguel, where it is being thoroughly overhauled, will be set up in the Beam process reduction works now being built there. The new fast necking completion and it is hoped to start the work on the first lot of ore by July 20. The operation of the new plant is looked forward to by our mining owners with deep interest, for its success will make a profitable mine of every gold prospect in the county.

THE PULFORD MINES. About two years and a half ago rich float was discovered on the west side of the main range, eighteen miles from Eagle station, on the Denver & Rio Grande standard gauge in Eagle county, says an Eagle special to the Denver Post. The discovery was made by Art Pulford, who lost his life in a snow slide six months later, but whose name has been perpetuated in the name of that camp. The main range, which has been located since, over 100 show pay on the surface, but the owners are mostly too poor to do any considerable development work, and heretofore have been too avaricious and grasping to unload at reasonable prices. Consequently proper development has been greatly retarded. However, several properties have progressed from prospect to paying mines, for a year ago \$750,000 was refused by the Hartford brothers for the Polar Star mine. The gold is free milling and the Polar Star mine has a twenty-five stamp mill.

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A great portion of all this gold, from whatever source derived, has been gradually concentrated in the river bottom by the action of the stream, while in many places paying deposits have been left upon the surfaces of benches at various levels, or buried beneath their material, each such pay streak representing some portion of a former bed of the river, which has been left behind as erosion progressed.

It is true, beyond doubt, that extensive and successful mining can be done in the application of the dredging and of amalgamating method of working, will yet be instituted along a great part of the length of the Clark's Fork valley.

THEY BELIEVE THE DREAM. A month or two since two strangers made their appearance at the head of Spring gulch at Idaho Springs. They were from Denver and had come to look over the country, and had been told by the local mining men, says the Denver News. The first night they stopped at the cabin of Mr. William Robinson, who owns a number of valuable claims in the area. The next morning Mr. Robinson, knowing they were tenderfoot, told them a wonderful dream he had during the night. He said he was standing on a high peak, and looking down at the latest find when all at once there appeared before him an ancient surveyor and his assistant, both dressed in old-time costumes, with snow white hair and beards, and they came down to their knees. They appeared to be surveying the flat that reaches for some distance above the house. At length the chief surveyor approached the man who stood spell-bound in the doorway watching the proceedings. He pointed to a spot on the little brook which the two men saw and which led to the flat. Just at this juncture Mr. Robinson's vision seemed to penetrate the ground, and he could see the channel of an ancient creek with its bed covered with placer gold lying on the bed-rock, in pot holes and natural riffles. While he was contemplating the rich scene, the chief surveyor, with his greedy eyes, and his assistant vanished. Turning around to look again at his strange visitors, Mr. Robinson awoke to find it all a dream.

The tenderfoot were deeply impressed with the recital of the dream. The next day one of them went back to Denver to visit his family and procure the necessary equipment for the first words his wife said to him she asked if he had not met and talked with a tall gentleman who had long dark hair and a white beard, and who had given him a description of Mr. Robinson. This settled the verity of the dream in the minds of the amateur prospectors, for the one who had gone to Denver lost no time in returning, and telling his companion what his wife had asked, they straightway commenced to run the flat, as the gold was indicated by the apparition of the old surveyor.

When the late heavy rain storm came on they had reached a depth of over 100 feet. The water loosened the contents and began to cave. They commenced to timber, but it was no use. The ground became too soft, and they soon had to abandon their work. The caveing of the tunnel was very nearly near Mr. Robinson's cabin, and now he is desirous of stopping their operations, but the more he tries to dissuade them the more determined are they to proceed in the work, thinking doubtless that Robinson is scheming to obtain the riches hidden beneath the flat for himself.

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point on Hay creek where the original survey bore off toward Minnesota. This line is about a mile shorter than Minnesota, and it is now pretty thoroughly understood that the road will be built from Belle Fourche. COLORADO. The Galena at Cripple Creek is producing \$142 gold ore. Farmers in all parts of the state are busy sowing alfalfa. There are now about 600 stamps dropping in Gilpin county. Boulder county mines are recovering from the effects of the flood. The creamery at Elbert is now receiving about 6,000 pounds of milk a day. A large mill will be put up for handling the ore of the Baker contact at La Plata. The 650-foot extension of the Quartz Hill at Central City is nearly completed. Much prospecting is being done on Four Mile, north of Beaver Park, Cripple Creek. A large mill will be put up for handling the ore of the Baker contact at La Plata. The Smuggler of Aspen recently shipped a carload of ore that was valued at \$400,000. A gold discovery of mica has been made on Taylor river, sixteen miles northeast of Gunnison. Work has been resumed on the San Bernardino mine, San Miguel county. The ore is silver and lead. The alfalfa harvest about Rocky Ford continues untroubled by rain, and the weather remains favorable. Ore running from \$150 to \$200 per ton has been struck in the ninth and tenth levels of the Mollie Gibson shaft. Five tons of ore from the Summit dump returned \$30 per ton in gold at the Marquis & Riley mill, Telluride. The rich vein struck by Charles Gentry Baker, near the south end of the Corralitas claim, Cripple Creek. Salt Lake parties have taken bond and lease on the Fidelity mine near the foot of Lead mountain, Silverton district, for \$17,900. A large number of miners from Aspen, Leadville and Cripple Creek have gone to the new gold camps in the Uintah mountains. A six-foot vein of quartz carrying \$9.80 gold has been struck by Wade & Berry of Buena Vista in the South Cottonwood district. Ore assaying \$2,000 has been struck in the Gettying block of the Jack Pot company, on Raven hill. It is the extension of the Elkhon vein. The orchardists about Fruita have organized a local fruit growers' association with a capital stock of \$25,000, divided into 5,000 shares of \$5 each. Crystallized quartz resembling that on Raven hill and assaying \$1.85 per ton has been struck in the Copper Mine lode, on Sting creek, Cripple Creek. A grass root strike assaying \$56 has been made in the Santa Rita, on Squaw mountain, Cripple Creek. There is a three foot vein with bits of ore running very high. A ten-stamp King-Dunsmuir concentrator is to be erected near the Harrison mine, Silverton. The ore is estimated to be worth \$15, divided between gold and silver. New oil wells are reported by the Triumph Coal company on the Lobach farm, a mile west of Florence, and by the Florence Oil and Refining company, six miles south. Smelter charges on iron and lead ores have been reduced on account of the falling off of Idaho and Utah lead silver ores. Several Leadville properties will therefore resume. A streak of sylvanite has been struck in the Beacon, on Beacon hill, Cripple Creek. The vein is eight feet wide, and two feet of it is so valuable that it is shipped in locked boxes. There are rumors that representatives of New York gold shippers are purchasing silver in Gilpin and other gold producing counties, paying a very slight premium over the mint price. Seventy men have been laid off at the Amalgamated Growers' association with \$100,000 in stock, as the low grade ore is not profitable to mine, and some development is needed before more high-grade can be taken out. A herd of 3,000 Texas cattle, enroute to Montana, passed through at Brush. The cattle on the range are in fine condition. The Western Union Beef company will ship 300 cars of fat cattle a few weeks. The Fall River tunnel, being cut from Idaho Springs to Gilpin county, has cut a

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